(a) whether it is a fact that the Secretary of State of America has reiterated the supremacy of the Hyde Act in the perspective of the Indo-American nuclear agreement;

(b) whether it is not against the assurance which was being given in the Parliament till now; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The US president while signing the Law approving the India-US Civil Nuclear Agreement on October 8, 2008, has stated that the Agreement is consistent with the Atomic Energy Act and other elements of US law.

Compensation for fatalities in UN peace keeping operations

1147. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fatalities India has suffered in UN Peacekeeping Operations from 1948 to 2007;

(b) when was the first batch of Indian soldiers deputed for UN Peacekeeping Operations; and

(c) whether the families of soldiers laying their lives during such operations abroad, get additional compensation apart from the usual package admissible when the fatalities occur within India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) As of 31st October, 2008, 119 Indian military and police personnel have died in UN Peacekeeping operations.

(b) Indian soldiers were first deputed for UN peacekeeping operations in the UN Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission (UNNNRC) in Korea (1950-1953).

(c) The next of kin of military and police personnel losing their lives in UN peacekeeping operations are eligible for United Nations compensation which is not linked to compensation from any other source.

Fishermen attacked by Sri Lankan Navy

1148. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the innocent Indian fishermen are often attacked in mid-sea by Sri Lankan Navy and the atrocities and harassment of Sri Lankan Navy against the Indian fishermen are increasing day by day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of India is either indifferent to the issue or if at all taking action, it is only in name sake;